

Peace Making,  
Faking, and Breaking  
Matthew 10:13



“These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. As you enter the house, greet it. *And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.*”

Matthew 10:5-13



And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you.

Luke 10:6



“...this is the one to whom I will look:  
he who is humble and contrite in spirit  
and trembles at my word.”

Isaiah 66:2



# Actions of a Peace Maker

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“Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.”

Proverbs 19:11



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“Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.”

Proverbs 17:9



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“for by wise guidance you can wage your war, and  
in abundance of counselors there is victory.”

Proverbs 24:6



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“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.”

Proverbs 12:15



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“Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and  
the one who understands obtain guidance”

Proverbs 1:5



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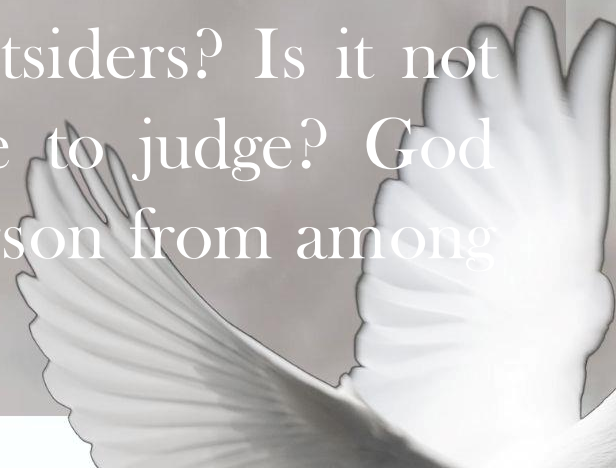
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“For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”” 1 Corinthians 5:12-13



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“Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.”

Proverbs 12:1



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“Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.” Galatians 6:1



“It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”

**Hebrews 12:7-11**





# Jesus, Our Prince of Peace

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**Peace Faking**



**Pride: Fear of Man**



“The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts  
in the Lord is safe.”

Proverbs 29:25

“For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of  
God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still  
trying to please man, I would not be a servant of  
Christ.”

Galatians 1:10



Hypocrisy's



Mask of Denial



“You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: “This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.””

Matthew 15:7-9



What's your elephant?  
What are you sweeping under the rug?



Hypocrisy's



Mask of Escapism



What are you running from?





# What are you tolerating?

“But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality.”

Revelation 2:20-21



"Employees waste an average of \$1,500  
and an 8-hour workday  
for their employer for every conflict-  
centric conversation they avoid."

*Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes Are High*



# Flattery

“A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet.”

Proverbs 29:5

“My companion stretched out his hand against his friends; he violated his covenant. His speech was smooth as butter, yet war was in his heart; his words were softer than oil, yet they were drawn swords.”

Psalms 55:20-21



# Apathy

"Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord."

Romans 12:9-11



What are you running to?



“I said in my heart, “Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself.” But behold, this also was vanity. ... And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.”

Ecclesiastes 2:1, 10-11



Abraham, Hezekiah  
Actions of a Peace *Faker*

1. Denial
2. Escapism
3. Flattery ↔ Apathy



**Peace Breaking**



**Pride: Arrogance**





“Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes?  
There is more hope for a fool than for him.”

Proverbs 26:12

“Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and  
turn away from evil.”

Proverbs 3:7



# Actions of a Peace Breaker

## 1. Aggression

“A man of wrath stirs up strife, and one given to anger causes much transgression.”

Proverbs 29:22

“A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger quiets contention.”

Proverbs 15:18



# Actions of a Peace Breaker

1. Aggression

2. Manipulation

“The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a snare of death.”

Proverbs 21:6

“Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

Matthew 5:37



**Kings of the Bible, Peter**  
**Actions of a Peace Breaker**

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# How Does Pride Keep Us From Counsel?

## 1. We underestimate our ignorance:

Therefore, the wise man listens to advice even (and especially) when he thinks he knows what's best.

## 2. We avoid appearing weak:

Therefore, the wise man seeks out and listens to advice that helps him to fear the Lord more than he fears appearing weak, and to love people more than he loves his reputation.

## 3. We predetermine the counsel we'll accept:

Therefore, the wise man does not pack the jury or skew the evidence, but listens to advice offered by honest advisors from multiple perspectives who have heard all the relevant information.

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“Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 4:14-16

